KGO-TV SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND RELATED PROGRAMMING

FOURTH QUARTER 2012 REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING

During the fourth quarter of 2012, KGO-TV aired the following regularly scheduled local newscasts identified on air as "ABC 7 News" with a total cumulative average of over 100 hours per month:

Monday - Friday 4:30-7:00AM

Monday - Friday 11:00-11:30AM

Monday - Friday 4:00-5:00PM

Monday - Friday 5:00-5:30PM

Monday - Friday 6:00-7:00PM

Monday - Friday 11:00-11:35PM

Saturday & Sunday 11:00PM-12:00AM

Saturday & Sunday 5:00-6:00AM / 6:00-7:00AM / 8:00-9:00AM

Sunday 9:00-10:00AM / 9:00-9:30AM

Saturday & Sunday 4:00-5:00PM / 5:00-5:30PM & 6:00-6:30PM

During the fourth quarter of 2012, KGO-TV also aired the following <u>regularly</u> scheduled locally produced <u>programming</u> that addressed the problems and needs of the San Francisco-San Jose-Oakland Market area:

BEYOND THE HEADLINES- This locally produced public affairs program consisted of a variety of subjects primarily dealing with issues related to the local community. The program's objective was to go "beyond the headlines" and explore critical issues facing the community. KGO-TV news anchors hosted this program that aired Sundays from 10:00 to 10:30am.

SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE- Michael Finney headed this consumer affairs unit that provided consumer information / product recalls during local 5:00pm newscasts, and reviewed investigations / resolutions during 6:00pm newscasts.

Office staff answered letters, e-mail and hotline telephone calls from viewers seeking help with a wide variety of consumer problems. On the average, the unit received over 4000 e-mails/ letters, and over 1500 phone calls per month.

LOCAL SPECIALS

During the fourth quarter of 2012, KGO-TV aired the following <u>locally produced specials</u> that addressed the problems and needs of the San Francisco-San Jose-Oakland Market area:

ABC7's 21ST ANNUAL SHARE YOUR HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE:

The live cut-ins raised \$22,687.62 in cash, and collected 1528 pounds of food from three drop off locations. These numbers translated to nearly 70, 000 meals for Bay Area residents in need. This event aired in a series of on air 1:00 to 2:00 minute live cut-ins, some forty, between 5:45am and 8:15pm on Wednesday, December 12, 2012.

PIER 39 TREE LIGHTING SPECIAL:

ABC7 hosted this annual San Francisco holiday event that featured Disney characters and entertainment. This program aired on Sunday, November 25th from 4:30-5:00pm, and was repeated on Sunday, December 2nd from 10:30-11:00am.

PROFILES OF EXCELLENCE:

This program was part of a series of yearly specials produced to celebrate the diversity of the Bay Area. This special saluted the achievements of five outstanding people from the Bay Area. This original program aired on Sunday, December 2nd, 10:00-10:30am, and was repeated on Sunday, December 30th, 10:00-10:30am.

SPONSORED EVENTS

The following community events were featured on KGO-TV's day planner, "Around the Bay," the station's vehicle for sponsoring upcoming community events. Each of these thirty-second spots featured two to three events, and aired for two weeks on a fixed schedule:

10/1/12 - 10/12/12

Arthritis Foundation, Northern California (10/18/12) SonRise Equestrian Foundation Wine & Equine Festival (10/20/12) Leap (Arts in Education) Sandcastle Contest (10/20/12)

10/13/12 - 10/26/12

Bonnie J Addario Lung Cancer Foundation "Simply the Best Dinner Gala" (11/10/12)

Gourmet East Bay (11/3/12) The Korean Center Gala (11/10/12)

10/27/12 -11/9/12

ETC Theatre – "Narnia" (11/2-11/11/12) EDD Veterans Job Fair (Sonoma) (11/9/12) Asian American Cancer Support Network: Hatwalk Fashion Show (11/10/12)

11/10/12 - 11/23/12

Glide's Annual Holiday Jam (12/6/12) Wender Weis Foundation for Children: Holiday Heroes (12/3)

11/24/12 - 12/7/12

Share Your Holiday Food Drive (12/12/12)

- San Francisco Food Bank
- Alameda County Community Food Bank
- Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano
- Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties
- Redwood Empire Food Bank
- Marin Food Bank

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS-

During the fourth quarter of 2012, KGO-TV aired over 1500 public service announcements in various time periods throughout the broadcast day that involved a variety of topics. Some of the PSA sponsors that aired in this quarter included: Hope Hospice, EPA Radon Gas, Interactive Autism, Stop Health Fraud, Baykids, Guide Dogs for The Blind, Nature Conservancy, Oakland Zoo, Call 2 Recycle, Driver's Edge, Give Kids a Smile, Marines, Traffic Safety, Pet Adoption, American Pain Foundation, Senior Citizens, & City Fields Foundation.

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In addition to the local news and public affairs programs described in this report, KGO-TV carries all of the ABC Television news & public affairs programs listed and described in the report filed as "Network Programming."

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KGO-TV regularly surveys community leaders and organizations, and responds to these surveys. The station also regularly hosts community feedback meetings known as "ABC 7 Listens" at different Bay Area locations. Residents are invited to discuss, key issues, problems, needs and interests. Through these efforts we've determined that the following issues are important to the community:

- YOUTH
- CRIME
- ECONOMY
- POLITICS
- SECURITY / TERRORISM
- SPECIAL NEWS

Some of the station's most significant treatments of these issues are described on the following pages.

LOCAL PROGRAMS ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS & NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

YOUTH

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Tuesday, December 4, 2012 (2:38)

This report covered the announcement that the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency voted unanimously for a pilot program to allow low-income children to ride Muni for free. They allocated \$1.6 million to bypass a 75-cent fare many couldn't afford. Advocates had been fighting for two years to get the program approved.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 8AM - Saturday, December 8, 2012 (1:42)

Pleasant Hill Police arrested two teenagers who allegedly used a pipe bomb to blow up a woman's mailbox. Alert neighbors were credited for helping police track the teens down before they could do more damage with a second explosive device.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 4PM - Monday, November 12, 2012 (2:00)

A group of East Bay teenage dancers from Katie's Dance Studio were invited to perform their high-energy routine in front of millions of people at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York. They were to be part of a 500 member dance showcase that would feature energy and precision.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 5PM - Friday, November 9, 2012 (2:46)

New information was released about children with Attention Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder. A UC Berkeley study showed that adolescent girls with ADHD were often diagnosed later than boys. They also had higher rates of self-injury and attempts of suicide in their teenage years. Researchers believed that ADHD plus the normative adolescent pressures on girls was a bad combination.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 4PM - Thursday, October 18, 2012 (1:52)

This report profiled Juma Ventures a social enterprise group for teens that helped them raise college money through working concessions at 49ers games. The program employed more than 300 students from low-income families, foster care, and the juvenile justice system. It also provided emotional support and help with schoolwork. The goal was to get students to college, and set up savings accounts for each student to help pay for school.

BEYOND THE HEADLINES – 10:00AM - Sunday, October 7, 2012 (30:00)

This program focused on bullying, a worldwide problem that children and teenagers faced on a daily basis. Community experts discussed what was being done in schools to help students be accepting of others, and what was being done to help end cyber-bullying throughout the community.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Tuesday, October 30, 2012 (3:18)

This report provided tips for parents on popular internet apps used by kids online and on their phones. Many teens used an app to text rather than their phone company's texting plan, so parents never found out. It was a lot harder to monitor texting on an app than it was on a phone. That was because on a phone parents could check their bill and see who their kids were texting and on an app there was no way to review that.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 5PM - Tuesday, November 13, 2012 (2:38)

This report discussed the importance of full recovery for youth with concussions. There had been much high profile focus on concussions in professional sports. But for younger athletes returning to the field, the rules were changing -- all in an effort to better protect them. According to estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly one-quarter of million children and teenagers suffered sports related head injuries over the course of one year, and most would be concussions.

CRIME & LAW ENFORCEMENT

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Thursday, December 20, 2012 (2:18)

An innocent grandmother became the latest murder victim in Oakland. She was hit by a stray bullet intended for someone else while walking with her sister down International Blvd. Police said when the shooting started she was caught in the crossfire of two unidentified gunmen. Word of the shooting quickly spread through the neighborhood and eventually to her family.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Saturday, December 15, 2012 (2:23)

425 guns were bought back at two separate buy back events in Oakland and San Francisco. The events were funded by an anonymous donor who gave enough money so that the two Bay Area community agencies could get at least 500 guns off the streets. More than 200 people braved long lines and cold temperatures to turn in their guns at the S. F. Omega Boys Club. Many were brought there by the same tragedy -- the mass murder of 20 children in Connecticut.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 5PM – Wednesday, November 28, 2012 (2:26)

The violent shooting death of two Oakland teenage girls left family members and friends hurting and looking for answers. The best friends were gunned down in a quiet part of East Oakland just off of High Street.

The mother of one of the girls said her daughter could be boisterous at times, but that she was a good girl. "I tried. I tried talking to her. I tried everything, nothing worked."

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Tuesday, December 11, 2012 (2:11)

Five people were arrested in Hercules in the case of a man and woman found bound and gagged in the middle of a San Francisco street. Two were charged with murder and the other three with accessory to murder. The victims were alive when they were found and were taken to San Francisco General Hospital, where the man died from his injuries. The woman, who was in her late teens was expected to survive. A police source said the suspects were brought in for questioning after investigators received leads from the public.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Wednesday, December 19, 2012 (2:23)

Several community leaders in San Francisco's Bayview District believed violence in the area was on the rise. The mayor had a new strategy he hoped would bring peace to the streets, but not everyone was optimistic. According to police someone fired several rounds in the area early in morning. One bullet shattered the glass and pierced the wall of one apartment, while another lodged in a neighbor's window. Residents explained, "A lot of the homeowners here are very shaken and rattled by what's going on and what's been going on in the area."

ABC 7 NEWS AT 4PM - Thursday, November 29, 2012 (2:36)

Two council members in Oakland were pushing to get more police officers on the streets as one way to fight increasing violence in the city. One East Oakland resident had his house shot into five times. He, like so many others on his block, lived in fear. On September 25, at least 38 rounds were fired in the middle of the day causing residents to take cover behind cars and bushes. Police called it an epidemic of illegal weapons.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6AM - Thursday, November 29, 2012 (1:44)

A wanted parolee ended up back behind bars after ramming a San Francisco police car and holding the SWAT team at bay for several hours. The 24-year-old man had local ties to a gang and was just released from federal prison the same week. When he spotted police he took off in his Mustang and ran it into a police car in the process. He got away, but police got a tip that he was in a home. The man surrendered peacefully after crisis negotiators were brought out to the scene.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Monday, November 26, 2012 (1:42)

There was a brazen move by two would-be armed robbers, and an even more brazen move by an armed jewelry store owner in San Jose. Instead of getting away, the robbers found a pistol leveled at them. The store owner, reportedly a woman, shot at least one time, and while she didn't hit anyone, the suspects ran outside to make their escape in a waiting SUV. Police said she had a Constitutional right to protect her property, but wish she had held back instead of firing.

ECONOMY

ABC 7 NEWS AT 4PM - Friday, December 21, 2012 (1:49)

Chevron announced that it was moving 800 workers out of its San Ramon headquarters to Texas. The CEO of the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce said, "It's not something you that you want to see, losing 800 jobs. That's a big impact in San Ramon." 800 jobs was about one-fourth of Chevron's total work force at its San Ramon headquarters. Chevron said its headquarters would remain in San Ramon.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6AM - Tuesday, December 11, 2012 (2:18)

There was a surprisingly small turnout at a job fair for a new Black Bear Diner in Emeryville; only 40 people showed up for the 120 jobs available. "Is the economy improving so much that people aren't looking for work?" said the Black Bear Diner franchise owner. A counselor at the Career Center in Oakland said the restaurant should not have had any problems hiring people given the state of the economy.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6AM – Friday, November 23, 2012 (2:32)

Small Bay Area businesses were being overshadowed as lots of shoppers packed bigger malls and chain stores on Black Friday. However, in Burlingame, the avenue wasn't the cluster of one-of-a-kind, locally owned boutiques and shops it once was. The area had become increasingly dominated by chain stores. On this Black Friday those chains brought the pricing that was threatening the viability of local shops, and some that had been in business for over fifty years.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM – Friday, November 16, 2012 (2:03)

The impending national shutdown of Hostess, makers of the classic Twinkies and Ding Dongs, was creating a mad rush of people looking to stock up before they were gone for good. "All the good stuff's going to be gone, but you know the workers, that's a lot of jobs that are going to be lost, too; it's a sad ending, in this economy, that's the last thing we need," a San Jose resident said. At the Oakland Hostess bakery, Colombo bread employees were still reeling from the bad news. The future of Colombo, one of the oldest names in San Francisco sourdough bread, was in doubt.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Wednesday, November 14, 2012 (2:11)

Trendy boutiques and one-of-a-kind craft shops were taking on big box retailers in Oakland with the support of city officials. The mayor led the charge by encouraging people to do their holiday shopping in Oakland. Surrounded by small business owners, the mayor kicked-off her event "Shop Oakland Grown" -- a push to strengthen Oakland's local economy through consumer purchasing power.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM – Sunday, November 11, 2012 (2:41)

54% of California voters passed Proposition 30 that raised income taxes on top earners and also passed a hike in sales taxes. The Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) was trying to bring California businesses to their city. They believed the new tax package would really start to dislodge the serial CEO and Management talent from the Silicon Valley. In a bid to turn that into an opportunity, the GPEC launched a new program this aimed at luring California companies away.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Tuesday, October 2, 2012 (2:19)

This report looked at the surge in state gasoline prices and how they could go even higher. The increases were blamed on low fuel production, the August Chevron Refinery fire, a power surge in Torrance at Exxon Mobil, and maintenance on a crude oil pipe in Southern California. One oil forecaster said there was no shortage per se, but suppliers were raising wholesale prices not because of current shortages, but due to anticipated shortages. He said if consumers bought 10 percent less gas for a few months demand would go down along with prices.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 5PM - Friday, October 5, 2012 (2:21)

New unemployment numbers showed businesses created 114,000 new jobs around the country in the previous month, and the unemployment rate was the best in four years, 7.8 percent. In San Francisco one sign of an improving economy were shoppers lined up around the block for the opening of a clothing store. The Bureau of Labor Statistics showed that the rest of the country was also improving with 1140,000 new jobs added in September.

POLITICS

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM – Wednesday, November 7, 2012 (2:17)

The newest member of the Bay Area congressional delegation offered no apology for unseating a veteran incumbent of his own party. Eric Swalwell, 31, unseated Democrat Pete Stark, who served forty years in Congress. Swalwell grew up in the district, interned for Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher, and served as a city councilman and prosecutor. Speaking of his supporters, "it just felt great to give them that hard-earned victory because they believed in me very early..." said Swalwell.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Friday, October 26, 2012 (3:04)

Voters in Richmond were being asked to approve a tax on soda and other sugarsweetened beverages. If passed, Richmond would become the first city in the nation to impose the penny per ounce tax on businesses selling soft drinks. The local battle was drawing millions of dollars from outside the Bay Area. A City Council member who was also a retired cardiologist proposed the measure. He convinced a majority of his fellow council members to put a measure on the ballot to tax soda and sugary drinks, and use the money to make children healthier.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Monday, December 3, 2012 (2:02)

Lawmakers ushered in a new era in Sacramento, as the new session began with a dramatically reshaped legislature. Democrats held supermajority powers in both houses, giving them the authority to raise taxes without Republicans and override gubernatorial vetoes. Although the newly-reappointed Democratic Assembly Speaker vowed to listen to the GOP, Democrats introduced a constitutional amendment to make changes to the landmark Proposition 13, and another proposal to raise property taxes for schools with only 55% of the vote.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Monday, December 10, 2012 (3:34)

As the deadline approached for Washington to come up with a deficit-reduction agreement by the end of the year, it became clear that California had a lot at stake if the fiscal cliff wasn't averted. More than 200,000 jobs could disappear, the state could lose \$4.5 billion in federal funds, and it was estimated that the state budget could shrink by \$11 billion over two years. Most people believed the U.S. economy would be drawn into a recession that would affect the state's economy, and result in billions of dollars less in tax revenue for the state.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Tuesday, November 29, 2012 (3:48)

Traditional fundraising usually involves something like a bake sale or auction. But social media had opened up a vast new arena where almost anybody could raise money for almost any goal. Called "crowd funding" it's opened doors for raising money and apparently it worked. A local elementary school was able to raise badly needed cash by using a "crowd funding" site. Thousands of people were raising money for everything from making movies to paying medical bills. For one San Francisco woman fighting cancer it brought hope.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Wednesday, November 14, 2012 (2:56)

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said she will ask her Democratic colleagues to keep her on as their leader in the House of Representatives. There had been a lot of speculation that Pelosi might step down after failing to win back the House. During the campaign, Pelosi was so positive about taking back the House of Representatives, but that didn't happen and it wasn't likely to happen in the next congressional election. "My colleagues made it very clear in fact I think they must have coordinated with each other because their message was clear -- don't even think about leaving," she said.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6AM - Wednesday, November 7, 2012 (2:25)

Governor Brown applauded Californians for their willingness to tax themselves to support schools and colleges and promised to be responsible with the funds the state will be collecting. Voters gave him a big victory when nearly 54 percent voted in favor of Prop 30 saving the state \$6 billion in what would have been drastic cuts mainly to schools. In a stunning election surprise, California voters handed the Democratic Party supermajorities in both legislative houses, the state's first simultaneous supermajority since 1933.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Monday, November 5, 2012 (2:24)

The California Fair Political Practices Commission accused an Arizona group of campaign money laundering after it released the source of its funding. The political intrigue continued over who was contributing to a huge infusion of cash into the political committee opposing Gov. Jerry Brown's Prop 30, even after state campaign finance regulators revealed the major source of funding. After a legal battle that almost ended up at the U.S. Supreme Court, the Arizona-based Americans for Responsible Leadership finally revealed who gave them the mysterious \$11 million campaign contribution. "They disclosed they were the intermediary.

SECURITY

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Monday, December 17, 2012 (2:09)

With heightened concern over kids' safety, many Bay Area school districts were re-examining or tightening security procedures. The San Francisco Unified Superintendent asked all principals to take another look at their emergency response plans and see if they saw any needs for changes. Parents at Sherman Elementary School watched with surprise but understanding as administrators tightened security Monday morning. Additional police officers joined counselors at schools to address problems or concerns. On the Peninsula, the Millbrae School District held lock down drills once a month.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Wednesday, December 19, 2012 (2:35)

Lawmakers from both parties expressed frustration with the findings of a panel that blamed failures in State Department leadership for security lapses at a U.S. consulate in Libya. Four people, including the U.S. ambassador, were killed in an attack on the consulate in September. Three State Department officials resigned under pressure, including the assistant secretary of state for diplomatic security.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Tuesday, October 16, 2012 (2:05)

Friends, family, and dignitaries gathered at San Francisco City Hall Tuesday evening for a public memorial service honoring the life of slain U.S. Ambassador to Libya, Chris Stevens. The Bay Area native was killed on September 11th during an attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi. Hundreds of people attended the memorial that was billed as "a celebration of life" for Christopher Stevens.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Monday, October 1, 2012 (2:50)

In the North Bay, someone set fire to the private law office of Vallejo Mayor Osby Davis and police were calling it a case of potential domestic terrorism. The mayor had faced challenges during his tenure, ushering the city through bankruptcy, facing off with the LGBT community over controversial remarks, and an increase in officer-involved shootings. Evidence from the fire was sent to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for processing and the FBI was also called. There was reportedly some surveillance video taken from the county court house across the street from the mayor's law office that could provide clues.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Thursday, December 20, 2012 (2:28)

The mayor of San Francisco talked about presenting a plan to the Board of Supervisors in support of two gun local control measures. This was following the school killings in Newtown, Connecticut. The first measure would ban certain hollow point bullets, and the second would require police to be notified when someone buys 500 or more rounds of ammunition used for assault weapons. The mayor said he would reach out to other Bay Area mayors to convince them to adopt similar legislation.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Wednesday, November 7, 2012 (3:36)

The U.S. military was gearing up to defend the nation against an attack in cyberspace that could cause a real world catastrophe. According to the Secretary of Defense, "If a cyber-attack crippled our power grid, took down the financial and government systems, that that would constitute an act of war." Under direction of the National Security Agency, a new master's degree program only for military officers was created. One of its goals was to teach officers to think about cyber operations strategically as they did in the field.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Monday, October 29, 2012 (2:04)

Members of the 129th Rescue Wing of the Air National Guard from Moffet Field on their way to the east coast help support rescue operations for victims of Hurricane Sandy. Once on the East Coast, the days will be long and the missions can be dangerous, just as they were in the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd and Hurricane Katrina.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Thursday, December 27, 2012 (1:57)

The shift to smart phones and tablets was causing a shift by hackers for malicious attacks. The bad guys were exploiting some of newest features. They attacked networks and PCs. There was a constant fear they could bring down the power grid and mass transit. But the new target is the mobile device as it becomes a payment device with a simple swipe. The bad guys can then tap into your bank account.

SPECIAL NEWS REPORTS

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Thursday, November 29, 2012 (3:55)

In 1976 twenty-six children and their school bus driver were buried alive in what became known as the Chowchilla school bus kidnapping. The parole board at the California Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo denied the release of one of the kidnappers. Fred Woods said greed drove him to kidnap the children for ransom. But the parole board believed he had not dealt with the issue during 36 years behind bars. The prime example -- Woods has been able to amass a collection of 60 cars, buying dozens from his cell at the Men's Colony. He's a rich man now, with family money in a trust fund. Commissioners found that Woods continued to minimize his crime, despite therapy and self-help groups during 36 years in prison.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Thursday, November 8, 2012 (4:59)

Some Bay Area residents said they were no longer part of this country. They joined a group that said it formed its own U.S. government with its own laws and leaders. Individuals with similar beliefs had been linked to crimes, including killing police officers. The ABC7 News I-Team was able to get into one of their meetings for a look inside the Republic for the United States of America and the people from across California who formed a shadow government for when the real one collapses.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Thursday, December 13, 2012 (3:29)

One of the Bay Area's biggest political scandals of the year took a major turn Thursday. Nadia Lockyer, former Alameda County supervisor and wife of state Treasurer Bill Lockyer, dropped her request for a restraining order against her former boyfriend. His stories about using methamphetamine with her and the revelation of a sex tape factored into her deciding to resign from the county board of supervisors. Now, she appears to be doing well in rehab, but a warrant was issued for his arrest after he missed a court appearance.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Wednesday, November 7, 2012 (5:38)

A life and death struggle was underway in Japan -- the capture and slaughter of dolphins and small whales. A California animal rights activist was there, trying to stop it. The Japanese government received intense pressure two years before after a documentary film about the controversy won an Oscar. But the brutal process called a "drive hunt" began once again in a cove on the eastern coast of Japan. The Japanese government refused to call off the annual killing season from September through March, despite international pressure. The Japanese consulate in San Francisco compared it to the way Americans slaughter cattle and poultry for food.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Friday, October 26, 2012 (9:02)

Kevin Collins was one of the first missing children whose case got national attention. Thousands of tips came in over the years, but they all lead nowhere. But the I-Team uncovered a serious lead that San Francisco police might have missed or were not made aware of. A convicted burglar confessed to his cell mate in state prison that he had killed four boys. The FBI interviewed him about three of the murders, but there was no mention of a fourth victim that the cell mate allegedly said he through off the Golden Gate Bridge.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Sunday, October 21, 2012 (4:07)

The I-Team shared the results of an audit that was critical of the Santa Clara County Crime Lab. A U.S. Department of Justice audit found the Santa Clara County crime lab shared DNA profiles it should not have shared. The DOJ looked at 100 random DNA profiles the lab uploaded, and as a result of the audit, 44 profiles had to be removed from the national database -- what the final report called "a large number of inappropriate profiles."

(Special News Reports Cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Thursday, November 1, 2012 (6:22)

The Santa Clara County Public Guardian's Office was facing criticism after some families said the county was isolating their elderly loved ones, unnecessarily taking control of their entire lives, right down to who could visit. The county director of social services said the public guardian would not conserve a person without cause.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 5PM - Wednesday, December 19, 2012 (5:24)

Thiefs were out in full force during the holiday season and the ABC7 I-Team identified a new internet scam. A woman went oline looking for a puppy and found someone in Pennsylvania who supposedly wanted to give away two Yorkie puppies to a good home. She even sent pictures of the puppies. All she had to do was pay \$200 for the airfare. It turned out that the money was headed for West Africa in an internet scam directed to people who were looking for dogs to buy.